



## Clover Lines

June is here, and the end of the 4-H year is just a couple of weeks away. As the club year ends, it is important that we all say "thank you" to our wonderful club and project leaders, as well as our great PDC Chairs. They have been so generous, sharing their time, talents and knowledge with our 4-H Program. We want them to know how much they are appreciated! Thank you!!

Additionally, as the club year ends, Club Officers should review their club's Plans & Goals for the 2007-08 year. What goals did you meet and which ones were not met? This will help your club plan for the coming year. And, your club will receive recognition for what you completed during the 2007-08 year!

Don't forget that club budgets for the New Year are due to the 4-H Office by June 25th! Clubs cannot disburse any funds after June 30th unless their budget for the 2008-09 year has been approved by the 4-H Office! Contact us if you have any questions.

During June, we will be conducting several Training Sessions for Club Officers and for New Volunteer Leaders. Be sure to check the calendar section for additional information about these and other opportunities!

It's not too late to apply for our Marine Science Resources Journalism Academy! This two-week program includes field trips, hands-on activities, and the opportunity to help write and develop a newspaper for kids! For additional information, contact Susan Gloeckler; Phone: (805) 662-6943, e-mail: [sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu) or you can check out the Marine Resources Journalism Academy listing on our on-line calendar at <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/>

Now is the time to start getting your entries ready for the Ventura County Fair! Gather together your finished projects, and check the Fair Entry Guide or their website for entry dates. Project leaders are encouraged to help members enter their work and showcase the great work our members have done during the past year!

We want to take this opportunity to let you know about the retirement of our County Director, Larry Yee at the end of this month. As you know, our County Director is responsible for our 4-H program, along with all the other programs in our Cooperative Extension Office. Larry is also the director of the Hansen Trust. Although he will be truly missed, we hope that he enjoys his retirement to the fullest!

At the same time of Larry's retirement, our Office Manager, Suzy Griggs and our IPM Advisor, Phil Phillips will also be retiring! It won't be the same in our office without them! They have both helped our 4-H staff, members, and leaders throughout their years with our office. To them, we also send our best wishes for a wonderful retirement!

The Summer Solstice event has been cancelled. The activities will be added to upcoming events this fall so watch for more information in upcoming issues of Clover Lines.



# ORIENTATION SCHEDULE REMINDER!!

## New Volunteer Leader Certification Orientation Schedule for 2008-2009 Club Year

Each scheduled session listed below will be held at the 4-H Office, 669 County Square Drive in Ventura.

<u>6/7/08</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>9 a.m. – noon</u>
<u>6/17/08</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>6 p.m. – 9 p.m.</u>
<u>7/23/08</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>6 p.m. – 9 p.m.</u>

**RS VPs are requested** so we will be able to have sufficient handouts on hand for each session. **Please RS VP to (805) 645-1470 or 645-1464 with name, club, and preferred date/time.**

There will be a few more Certification Orientations scheduled for Aug./Sept. (dates & times TBA). These sessions will be the last scheduled orientations for the year. **NO makeup sessions will be available in 2009.**

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery

A 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery will be held in Roseville, CA on Friday, June 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Maya Bow hunter's Range.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required.

The cost for the course will be \$25 and includes morning refreshments, Saturday lunch and class materials. Camping is available (Friday night only) at the range.

### Pre-registration is due June 6.

For the "Training Request & Registration Form" contact your county 4-H office or go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>.

For more information, contact Laura Murphy, State 4-H Archery Trainer, at 916-771-9935 or [Laura\\_67@comcast.net](mailto:Laura_67@comcast.net).

## 4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday – Thursday, 9am to 5pm. Please call the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1470 for more information.

### Staff Hours & Program Responsibilities

**Susan Goeckler** (805) 662-6943

Hours vary; Please call for an appointment or to leave a voicemail message.

4-H Program Supervisor – Community Club Program, Policy and Procedure, New Unit Organization, Club Leader Advice, Training (Youth/Volunteer).

E-mail: [sgoeckler@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sgoeckler@ucdavis.edu)

**Georgetta Brickey** (805) 645-1470

Monday – Thursday, 9am – 5pm

4-H Technical Specialist – Facilities Reservations & Paperwork, Enrollment, Insurance, Mailings, Pins, Equipment Check Out, 4-H Calendar, Event Support (packets, etc.), 4-H Library, General Information.

E-mail: [glbrickey@ucdavis.edu](mailto:glbrickey@ucdavis.edu)

**Tisha Fisher** (805) 645-1464

Monday – Thursday

4-H Assistant – Mailings, Pins, Equipment Check Out, 4-H Calendar, Event Support, 4-H Library, General Information, Clover Lines Editor.

E-mail: [tifisher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tifisher@ucdavis.edu)

**Rose Hayden-Smith** (805) 645-1466

4-H Youth Development Advisor

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**Lawrence K. Yee**, County Director

4-H Event "Hotline" (805) 662-6885

4-H Information (805) 662-6869

Please feel free to mail, fax or e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.**

Rose Hayden-Smith

4-H Youth Development Advisor

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## THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

LOMA VISTA 4-H IS HOSTING ITS FIFTH ANNUAL DOG FIELD DAY ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2008  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



IT WILL INCLUDE

NOVICE RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL  
PARLOR TRICK EVENT  
DOG KNOWLEDGE EVENT  
POSTER EVENT



(only posters that have not previously medaled may be entered)

IT IS OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR DOGS

Medals and Ribbons will be awarded in the Obedience, Knowledge, and Poster Events for 4-H members enrolled in a Dog Project.

Ribbons and Prizes will be awarded in the Parlor Trick Event  
(You may enter this event, even if you are NOT enrolled in a Dog Project)

**DOOR PRIZES AVAILABLE!**

There will be four classes in each event (Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)



PLEASE MAIL YOUR ENTRY TO

Elaine Fowell  
952 Via Ondulando  
Ventura, CA 93003



QUESTIONS? Call 644-9448 OR e-mail cpkpsm@roadrunner.com

Check in starts at 8:30 am, the Event starts at 9:00 am

LOCATION: OAK VIEW PARK AND RESOURCE CENTER  
555 MAHONEY AVENUE, OAK VIEW

ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2008): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Check each category you wish to enter: (enter as many as you wish!)

Rally Obedience Trial: \_\_\_\_\_

Parlor Trick Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Knowledge Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Poster Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Poster: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance only, I do not plan to enter any event: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail: *Entry Form* \_\_\_\_\_ (filled out completely please!)

*Entry Fee* \_\_\_\_\_

Check made out to Ventura County 4-H, for \$3.00 Per child attending

*Code of Conduct* \_\_\_\_\_

*Minor Medical Release Form* \_\_\_\_\_



## 4-H State Leadership Conference

This year's 4-H State Leadership Conference, "Life is a Highway" will be held July 31 - August 3, 2008 at U.C. Davis.

**Registration** materials are available and **due June 13, 2008.**

More information about the Conference is available at

<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>

## 4-H Club Bank Accounts

**Reminder:** All 4-H Club Bank Accounts must use a UCCE address as the address of record. Your **deadline for compliance** of this policy is **July 1, 2008.**

## 2008 State 4-H Leader's Forum

**2008 State 4-H Leaders' Forum** will be hosted by the South Central Section at the Asilomar Conference Center, November 7-9, 2008. Please consider attending.

Information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/index.asp>

A hard copy of the materials will be mailed to each County Council/Management Board President.

**Registrations are due by September 5, 2008.**

## 4-H Million Trees Project

The **4-H Million Trees Project** is spreading across the nation.

The Pacific 4-H Club in San Mateo County began this project to counter the affects of global warming. Their goal is to mobilize the approximately 7 million 4-H youth in the U.S. to plant 1,000,000 trees across the nation to help reduce atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup>.

Click on the "Participants" link on their home page to see their progress. If your 4-H club wants to participate, go to [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org) and register. Then visit <https://www.arborday.org/Shopping/Memberships/4h/> to become Arbor Day members and receive twelve trees at \$1 each.

## Insurance for Animals

**Reminder:** 4-H members must pay for a separate **insurance for their animals**; the program does not insure animals.

General liability and product liability are covered by our insurance at UCOP. If fairs have any questions or want to charge additional fees, please see the memorandum from April 15, 2008 from Lianne Lewellen, Risk Manager for CFSA.



## Small Animal Science PDC: Critter Corner

News & Information for 4-H SAS Projects

By Susan Trockey  
SAS PDC Co-Chair  
stdesign@roadrunner.com

### 2nd Annual "FUR & FEATHERS" 4-H Only All-Breed Shows and Jr. Showmanship Events - Save the Date!



*Saturday November 15<sup>h</sup>, 2008 at VC Fairgrounds.*

Cavy \* Poultry \* Rabbit

Medaling Events in Jr. Showmanship, and Breed Conformation.  
Animal Exhibits & Educational Posters Judged, Primary Divisions,  
Information Tables, Awards & FUN!

#### 4-H Committee members wanted, ASAP! Think Record Book entries!

*Meetings are starting up now. Youth members and parents are welcome!  
Committee help needed with: All Shows Photographer, Silent Auction, Sale Tables,  
Judges Hospitality, Arts & Crafts, Security, Educational Posters, etc...  
Dad's wanted to join "Team 4-H Chef" at Dan's Greasy Spoon-home of the Best  
Breakfast Burrito in 4-H!*

For more information, please contact All Shows Superintendent  
Susan Trockey at: (805) 480-9976 or [stdesign@roadrunner.com](mailto:stdesign@roadrunner.com)



### Poultry Projects Announcement

#### Ventura County 4-H Avian Science Bowl Teams Forming!

Competitions at:  
SSFF Poultry Show-October 25th, 2008 (pending)  
California State Fair, Sacramento-August

Junior Team(s)

Contact: Susan Trockey of Conejo Valley 4-H at [stdesign@roadrunner.com](mailto:stdesign@roadrunner.com)

Senior Team(s)

Contact: Kitty Beckmann of Santa Rosa Valley 4-H at [nosmurfs@adelphia.net](mailto:nosmurfs@adelphia.net)





## *Small Animal Science PDC: Critter Corner*

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SAS PDC Co-Chair  
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### **SAS PDC Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month; 6:15 p.m. at Camarillo Sizzler

### **SAS PDC Fur & Feathers Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month through 11/15/08; 6:15 p.m. Camarillo Sizzler

All Small Animal Science project leaders, members, and families are invited to attend the SAS meetings. Hear what's happening in your PDC! Get news about local Fairs & Auction, Field Days, Events, Shows and more! For more information contact either: Susan Trockey at 805-480-9976 or [stdesign@roadrunner.com](mailto:stdesign@roadrunner.com) or Jenean Bass at 805-493-5714 or [jeneanbass@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeneanbass@roadrunner.com).

The SAS PDC Officers for the 2008-2009 4-H year are:

- ✿ Co-Chairs Susan Trockey & Jenean Bass - Conejo Valley 4-H
- ✿ Treasurer: Kathy Bass - Conejo Valley 4-H
- ✿ Secretary: Nicole Peterson - Santa Rosa Valley 4-H
- ✿ Species Chairs:
  - Master Poultry Volunteers: Kitty Beckmann - Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Katie Zack - Mupu 4-H  
Susan Trockey - Conejo Valley 4-H
  - Youth Poultry Co-Chairs: Katelyn Beckmann - Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Nicole Peterson - Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Katie Trockey - Conejo Valley 4-H
  - Rabbit Specie Co-Chairs: Jenean Bass - Conejo Valley 4-H  
Katie Zack - Mupu 4-H
  - Youth Rabbit Co-Chairs: Kathy Bass - Conejo Valley 4-H  
Chris Zack - Mupu 4-H
  - Cavy Specie Chair: Elaine Fowell - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Youth Cavy Co-Chairs: Karen Payne - Loma Vista 4-H  
Glenda, Amanda, & Melissa Marshall - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Dog Specie Chair: Elaine Fowell - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Youth Dog Co-Chair: Karen Payne - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Cat Specie Chair: Joni Bowman - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Youth Cat Co-Chair: Galen Bowman - Loma Vista 4-H
  - Pocket Pets Chair: Your name here!

SAS PDC  
2007-2008 Board  
at the Ventura  
County Fair.



## New 4-H Volunteers!

Adults applying to become **new 4-H Volunteers** must complete an application form and complete the new Leader Certification Program as described below:

### **New Leader Certification consists of:**

- 1) Turning in a completed and signed Adult Enrollment Form,
- 2) Attending Leader Certification Training

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- 3) Approval of fingerprints submitted via Live Scan to the Department of Justice
- 4) Receiving appointment by the County Director and a 4-H Leader Card from the 4-H Office.

 **Important:** New Adult Volunteer applicants are required to pay for fingerprinting costs at the time of fingerprinting. The fee ranges from \$10 - \$35 depending on where the fingerprinting is done. A list of fingerprinting locations and fingerprinting forms are available at the 4-H Office. Upon completion of the certification process and appointment as a leader, the applicant will be reimbursed \$10 for fingerprinting charges. Any amount over \$10 will not be reimbursed.

### Live Scan Fingerprinting – **Note to Leaders:**

We have had many inquiries from people who have submitted fingerprints at the request of other organizations as to whether they need to do it again for us. Please let your prospective leaders know that due to privacy/identity theft concerns no organization is able to share Live Scan results with another org, so yes, they do need to do it again for 4-H. We get this question a lot since many of our leaders are teachers, or in other positions that require clearance. No one shares this info. If the Chief of Police wanted to lead a 4-H project – he (or she!) would be required to submit fingerprints via Live Scan again for us. Sorry! We don't have any choice in this.

- Enrollment forms/applications for all new and returning members and leaders wishing to participate in **Equine and Ventura County Fair Market Animal (includes poultry meat pen and rabbit meat pen) projects, must be in the 4-H Office no later than 5:00 p.m., November 1, 2008.** This deadline will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008 due to November 1 being a Saturday. Errors and omissions contained in applications submitted by the deadline are to be resolved by November 8, 2008 or the application will be treated as if it had not been turned in on time.

## 4-H Educational Materials

**National Directory of 4-H Educational Materials** is now available. This directory is a searchable, national database of 4-H educational materials currently available through the Cooperative Extension System.

It will include National 4-H curriculum, state curriculum, supplementary materials and guides all created within the land grant university system and intended either for a youth audience or for adults working with youth. The directory is online and can be accessed at [www.4-hdirectory.org](http://www.4-hdirectory.org).

## 2008 California State Fair Livestock Show

Californians entering market livestock in the **Livestock Show at the 2008 California State Fair** must register for the **DNA Reservation and Collection** online at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org).

The Fair requires DNA registration to verify ownership and prevent unlawful switching of animals before or during the competition. No market animal will be eligible for official entry unless this sample is obtained and an official Market Registration form has been completed by the deadline.

For additional information, visit: [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org) or contact the California State Fair Livestock Program Coordinator at 916-263-3109 or [entryoffice@calexpo.com](mailto:entryoffice@calexpo.com).

### 4-H Record Books! Information, Open House & Due Date!

Mark your calendar!!!

It is time to finish your record books for the 2007-08 club year! Remember, record books are one of the most important parts of our 4-H program. Now, don't panic if you haven't done a record book before!!! We have scheduled an entire day this month for you to drop by the 4-H Office and get help. There will be an **Open House on Tuesday June 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the 4-H conference Room**. Experienced 4-H members and knowledgeable leaders will be available to answer your questions, give pointers, and help you put together a book that will be something that you will be proud of for years to come. How much work is involved? As much or as little as you want to put into it! We encourage members to do the best work that they can, but not every member is interested in having their book go on to County, Regional or State Competition. Stop by the 4-H Office on Tuesday June 24th and let us help you get started or help you put some special finishing touches on our record books! We look forward to seeing you there!

**New 4-H Record Book information** is now available on-line at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp>.

4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work by documenting their skill development and their learning experiences in a written report. 4-H members measure their achievements and growth in their total years in 4-H.

**Due Date:** **Completed Record Books** are due in to the 4-H Office **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008 5:00 P.M.**



### Clover Country CD

Do you know what Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Sugarland and Faith Hill have in common? They were all 4-H Members! And they, along with other Country Music Stars are all featured on "Clover Country" a wonderful CD that features 11 top hits by 4-H Alumni! The 4-H program receives a generous amount of the sale price, thanks to the generosity of the artists. Our County 4-H Office has a generous supply available, so call or stop by the 4-H Office to get yours soon!

National 4-H Council has partnered with EMI Music to create "**Clover Country: Songs from Famous 4-H Alumni**" - the first of its kind country music compilation CD featuring famous 4-H alumni.

This extraordinary blend of country music showcases the benefits of 4-H through talented 4-H alumni. Proceeds from each CD sold (\$10 each) supports 4-H programs!

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this product will be used by National 4-H Council to further its support of the 4-H Youth Development Program in our County & State as well as Nationally. Funds raised from the sale of the "Clover Country" by the Ventura County 4-H Program will be used to support 4-H programming in our County.

## SOUTH SECTION 4-H FIELD DAY

**MAY 17, 2008**

By Fem Vacca

Congratulations to the Ventura County 4-H Members who participated at the South Section 4-H Field Day at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the Judging results:

### Presentations:

Emma Trockey, Conejo Valley	Demonstration using Power Point – Intermediate	<b>Gold</b>
Katia Panaghetti, Loma Vista	Demonstration – Intermediate	<b>Blue</b>
Sophia Paden, Santa Rosa Valley	Public Speaking – Intermediate	<b>Blue</b>
Grant Bowman, Loma Vista	Interpretive Reading – Senior	<b>Gold</b>

### Group Cultural Arts:

Marirose and Amelia Meyer, Conejo Valley	Irish Dance	<b>Gold</b>
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### Fashion Revue:

Emily Aikman, Tapo Simi	Traditional – Intermediate	<b>Blue</b>
Marirose Meyer, Conejo Valley	Purchased – Intermediate	<b>Red</b>
Amelia Meyer, Conejo Valley	Purchased – Senior	<b>Blue</b>

### Judging Event:

Emily Aikman, Tapo Simi	Intermediate	<b>Blue</b>
Angela Kaltenbach, Tapo Simi	Intermediate	<b>Blue</b>

Members who receive Gold Medals for their Presentations and Cultural Arts at Sectional Competition are eligible to enter the State Presentation Day at UC Davis on May 31, 2008.

Fashion Revue members winning a Gold at County are eligible to enter the State Fashion Revue.

Congratulations to all the members who represented Ventura County at Sectional. Best of Luck at State Field Day.



Emma & Katie Trockey, Emma competed in the Individual Demonstration Power Point presentation from her Cake Decorating project. She won a Gold Medal.



Marirose & Amelia Meyer competed in Cultural Arts with an Irish Dance routine & won a Gold Medal.





## PRIMARY 4-H PROGRAM

What is the Primary 4-H Program? It is a 4-H program for youth 5 years old or in kindergarten by January 1 of the program year. It differs in many ways from the regular 4-H program.

- Primary members **cannot** enroll in large animal projects. However, they may enroll in small animal projects such as dogs, rabbits, cats, poultry, and cavyies.
- Primary members can enroll in other 4-H projects, but their participation should focus on skills practice and the process of doing things rather than the finished product.
- Primary members may participate in many events and 4-H activities. However, they may **not** participate in competitions where they or their entries are judged or placed. Their participation may be as exhibitors only. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation. **Fairs are open to primary members for exhibit only.**
- Primary members may be encouraged to complete the Primary Member Personal Development Form with assistance from their leader, parents, or older members. Primary members do not accumulate credits on the Personal Development Report Form. Star rank reports and awards are not appropriate for primary members.

Additional Primary Program information can be received from the 4-H Office. Please contact 4-H staff if you have any questions about the Primary Member Program.

## Be Heard: Calif Ag to Host Listening Sessions

Author: Rose Hayden-Smith

Agriculture impacts every California resident; everyone who lives in the state is a stakeholder in the industry that in so many ways, defines our state's character, and what our future holds. Now there is an opportunity for every resident to share their vision of California agriculture. **The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)** invites every Californian to join CDFA Secretary A.G. Kawamura and members of the CDFA board at public listening sessions to "*develop a more productive, competitive and innovative agricultural sector by 2030.*" Listening sessions will be held all over the state between May 29th and July 8th.

A session will be held in Ventura County, in Oxnard, on July 7th. Stakeholders (and that means **YOU**) are invited, in five minutes or less, to address four questions posed by the CDFA. To participate, you must RSVP to [AgVision@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:AgVision@cdfa.ca.gov) and indicate whether you are listening or speaking. If speaking, you are asked to send an email summary of your comments, so that they may be accurately captured and included in the visioning process.

What I will be sharing with Secretary Kawamura and the CDFA Board is my vision: that the success of agriculture in California is of the utmost importance to our state, to the nation, and to the world, now and in the future. Agriculture must be sustained, and Californians of all ages and walks need to understand how important a successful and sustainable food system is to our individual and collective futures.

A key to sustaining and supporting agriculture is educating the public – and particularly youth – about its importance, how it works, what the issues are and likely will be. To accomplish this monumental task (and it is monumental: California has more than 6 million youth enrolled in its public schools, alone) will require a concerted effort of agricultural, educational, private organizations and individuals converging to offer a massive school-based and public education/outreach effort. Part of any educational and outreach effort should incorporate gardening.

Why gardening? Gardening provides an excellent way for youth to understand the basics of plant cultivation, and our food system. Research indicates that youth who garden tend to eat more fruits and vegetables, which has positive implications for public health AND for those that produce fruits and vegetables. Research also indicates that gardening programs in schools may lead to improved academic performance and greater achievement in science, things which benefit all of us. Gardening is agriculture writ small in physical terms, but agriculture writ large in our hearts.

California agriculture in 2030? Every Californian understands it, values it, and works to sustain the best aspects of it. Thousands of young people are entering the field with innovative ideas and energy, in part because they were introduced to agriculture and gardening during their public school education. Californians have a much lower incidence of preventable chronic diseases such as Type II diabetes, because our increased consumption of fruits and vegetables and physical activity is making all of us healthier. My "must have" for California agriculture? Universal food systems education that provides essential information about how agriculture in California works and which provides hands-on gardening experiences for every student in California public schools.

That's my vision. What's yours? Consider these four questions, contact the CDFA, and commit to being there.

- What is your vision for California agriculture by 2030?
- What will be the biggest challenge in achieving that vision?
- In 2030, how has public perception of agriculture changed?
- What is a "must have" in an Ag Vision for California?

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# June



# 4-H Calendar

<http://calendar.ucanr.org/> (change "Location" to Ventura County & "Category" to 4-H/Youth Programs, Click "Go!")

6/1-30 Install New Officers  
6/1-7/31 New Board sets up Standing Committees  
6/2 2<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural Festival exhibits pick up from the Fairgrounds  
6/2 Club Officer Training Session  
6/4 Large Livestock Quality Assurance Training (General) 7:00pm, Somis School  
6/4 SAS PDC Meeting 6pm, Sizzler in Camarillo  
6/6 Pre-registration Due for 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery  
6/7 New 4-H Leader Orientation 9-Noon @ the 4-H Office  
6/7 Treasurer's Training 1:00 @ the 4-H Office  
6/8 Loma Vista 4-H 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog Field Day @ Oak View Park & Resource Center 9a.m. - 2pm.  
6/8 4-H Equine Field Day  
6/9 4-H Jr All Star Application deadline  
6/13 Registration for 4-H State Leadership Conference due  
6/13-14 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery @ the Maya Bowhunter's Range in Roseville, CA  
6/17 New 4-H Leader Orientation 6-9 @ the 4-H Office  
6/18 Equine PDC Meeting 6:45 @ Marie Callender's, Camarillo  
6/18 SAS PDC Fur & Feathers, 6:15pm @ Camarillo Sizzler  
~~6/21 Summer Solstice, Family & Consumer Science PDC Field Day & Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social @ UC Agricultural Center @ Faulkner Farm \*\*Cancelled\*\*~~  
6/22-28 4-H Summer Camp  
6/23 2 Treasurers' Training Sessions: 9:30am & 7pm, 4-H Office  
6/24 Record Book Open House 9-4 in the 4-H Office Conference Room  
6/25 2008-09 Budget due in the 4-H Office No Later than this date.

6/28 Small Livestock Quality Assurance Training  
6/30 4-H Volunteer E-Learning Course New 2007/08 Volunteers are asked to complete this course by 6/30/08  
6/30 Enrollment Deadline without incurring enrollment fees  
6/30 4-H 2007-2008 Club Year Ends  
7/1-7/31 Returning enrollment fee \$28 Member/\$6 Adult  
7/1 Deadline for compliance of a UCCE Address as the address of record on all 4-H Club Bank Accounts  
7/2 SAS PDC Meeting 6pm, Location TBD  
7/2 Large Livestock PDC Meeting  
7/7-18 Marine Resources Journalism Academy  
7/18 - 20 Equine Horse Fair, Ventura County Fairgrounds  
7/23 New 4-H Leader Orientation 6-9 @ the 4-H Office  
7/30-8/10 2008 Ventura County Fair; theme "Meet Me at the Fair".  
7/31-8/3 2008 State Leadership Conference, UC Davis  
8/1 Returning member fee \$28/Adult \$6 plus \$10 late fee  
8/2 2008 Academic Rodeo Competition Day: Stallions  
8/3 2008 Academic Rodeo Competition Day: Ponies  
8/15 California 4-H WHEP Training 2008 Registration & Fee deadline  
8/20 SAS PDC Meeting / Fair Wrap Up Meeting 6pm, Location TBD  
8/28 Record Books due in the 4-H Office by 5:00p.m.  
9/1-9/30 Returning member fee \$28/Adult \$6 plus \$20 late fee  
9/5 Registration for 2008 State 4-H Leader's Forum due  
9/30 Deadline for ALL Leaders enrolling in any project (new/returning)  
10/1 Additional \$10 late fee assessed for enrollments  
10/3-5 California 4-H WHEP Training 2008 @ Walker Creek Ranch  
10/5-11 National 4-H Week  
10/25 SSFF Poultry Show  
11/3 Deadline for ALL members enrolling in ANY Market Animal or Horse Project  
11/7-9 State 4-H Leaders' Forum @ Asilomar Conference Center